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# System

# Utilization Network Technology

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UTILIZATION NETWORK SYSTEM  
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# INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

## *Problem Framework*

- **TUNS created in response to several widely recognized major problems, including:**
  - fragmented and decentralized system of New Technology Acquisition/Reporting
  - lack of common standards, methodologies and frames of reference
  - absence of critical data/databases (e.g. space benefits) needed by all program elements
  - inadequate system/tools for program communications.

## *Solution Framework*

- **Develop a viable network system concept for presentation to TU Family**
- **Enlist participation of entire TU community to:**
  - serve on user requirements/definition panels
  - help develop/approve Functional Requirements Documents
  - participate actively in system training, evaluation and utilization
  - provide channels for system refinement and improvement
- **Obtain participation of dedicated experts in information systems/networking and information science/technology transfer.**

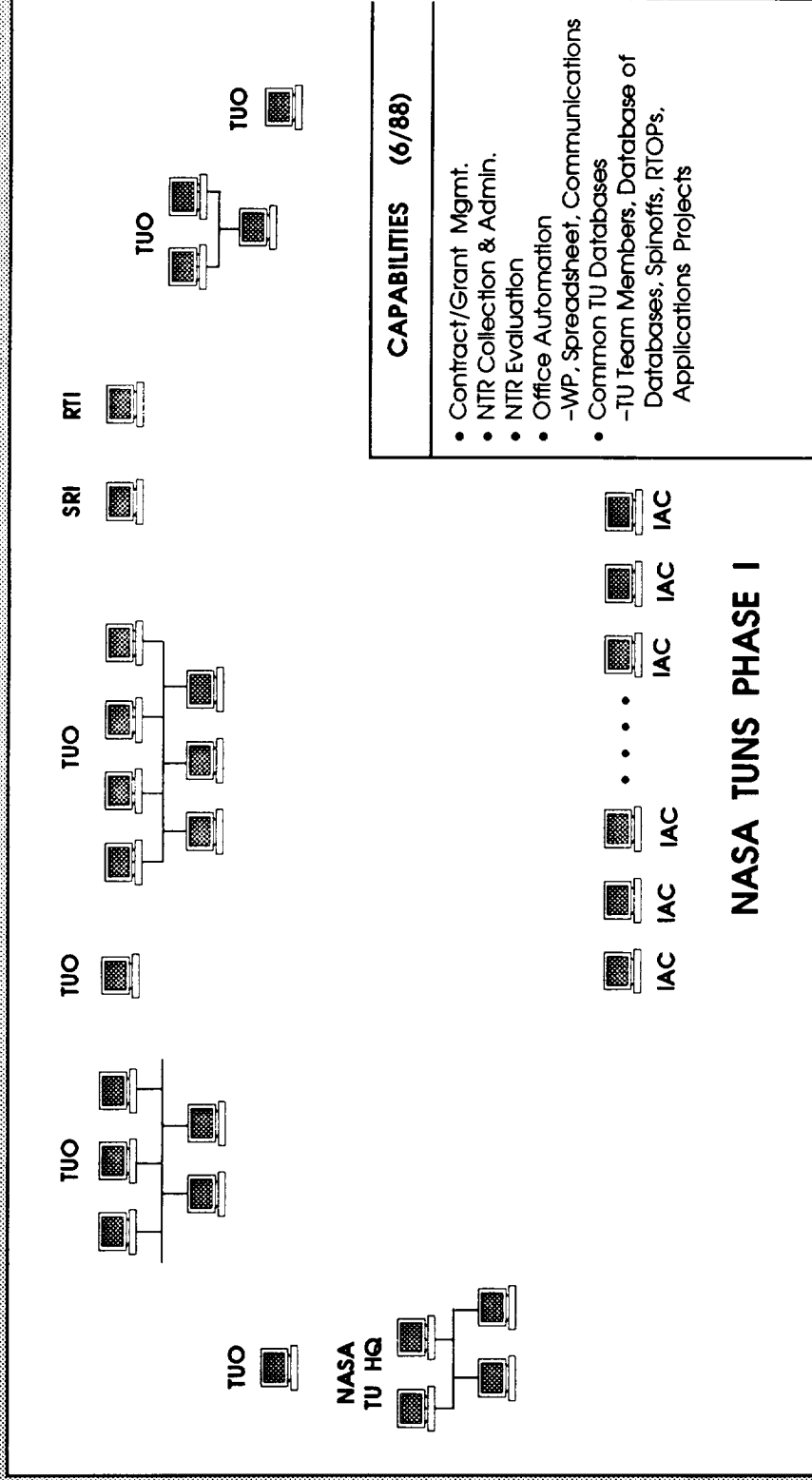
# TOPICS

- MAJOR TUNS OBJECTIVES
- TUNS
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  - PHASE II, RELEASE 2
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- SUMMARY

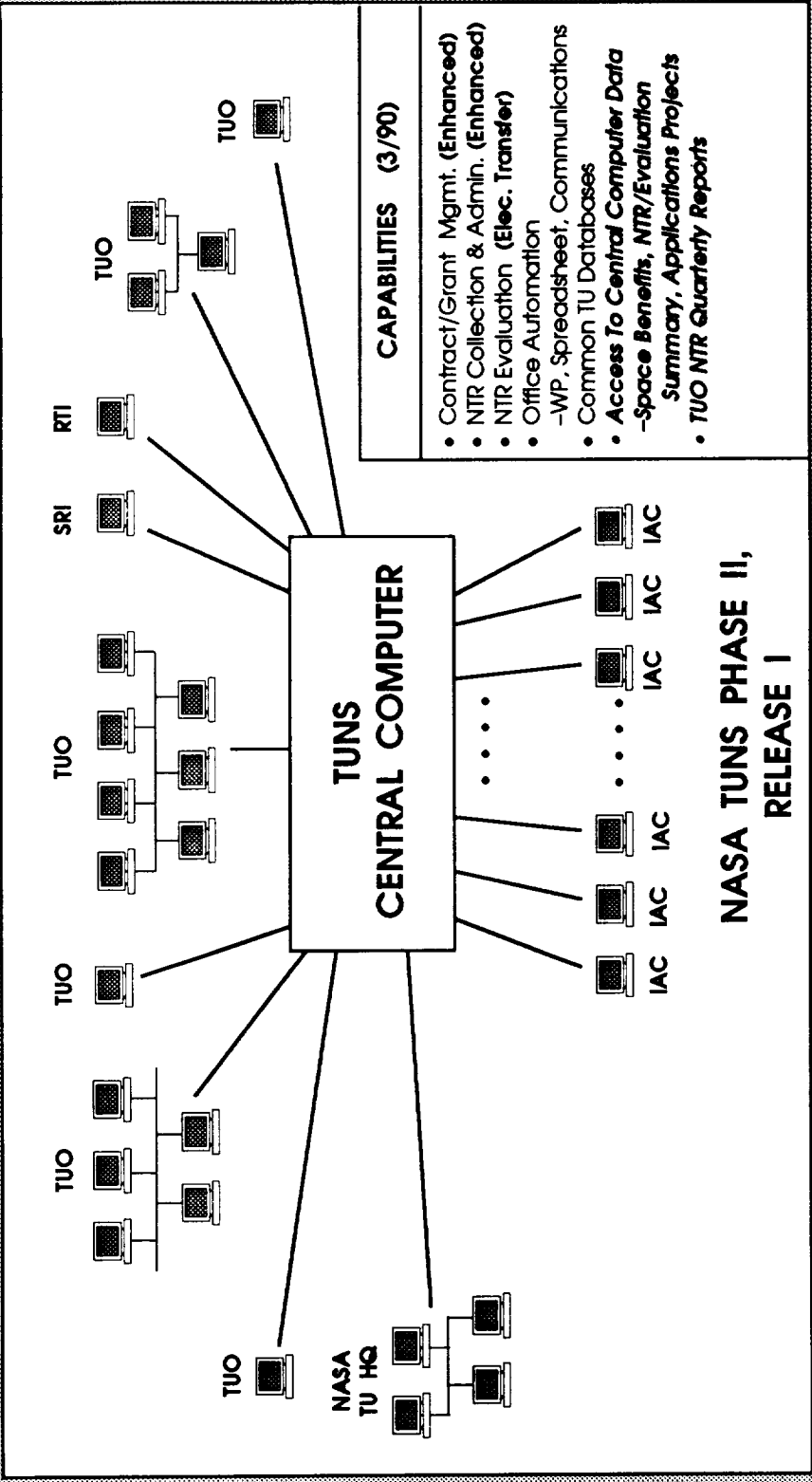
## MAJOR TUNS OBJECTIVES

- **Broaden the store of NASA technology available to U.S. industry through:**
  - increasing the volume of New Technology Acquisition
  - promulgating uniform reporting standards and formats
  - minimizing time between New Technology Reporting (NTR) acquisition and dissemination
- **Implement a vital national database system to enhance TU Family capabilities for transfer of NASA technology**
- **Improve communications throughout TU community and with external resources**
- **Provide new capabilities for TU program/project management**

# OVERALL PROJECT STATUS REVIEW

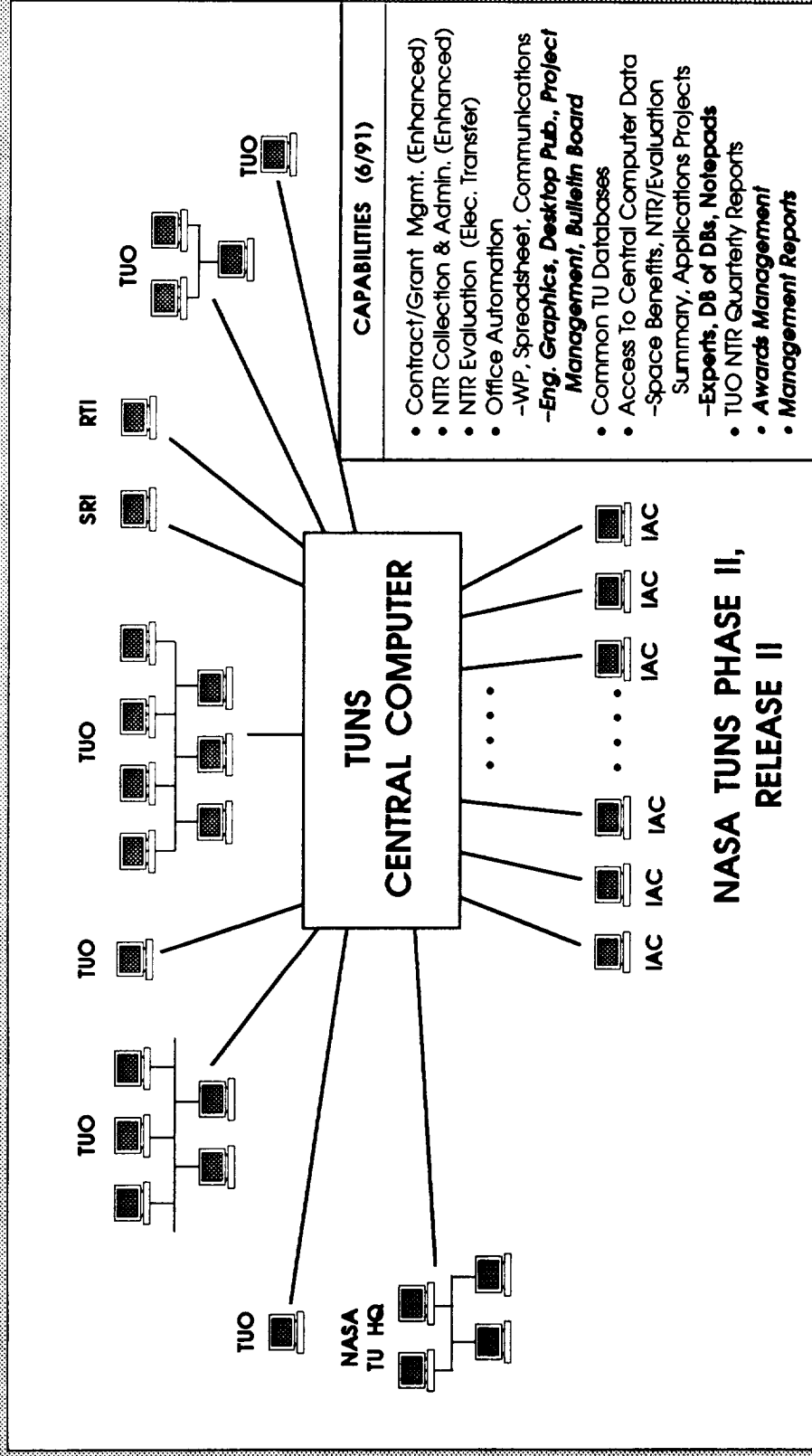


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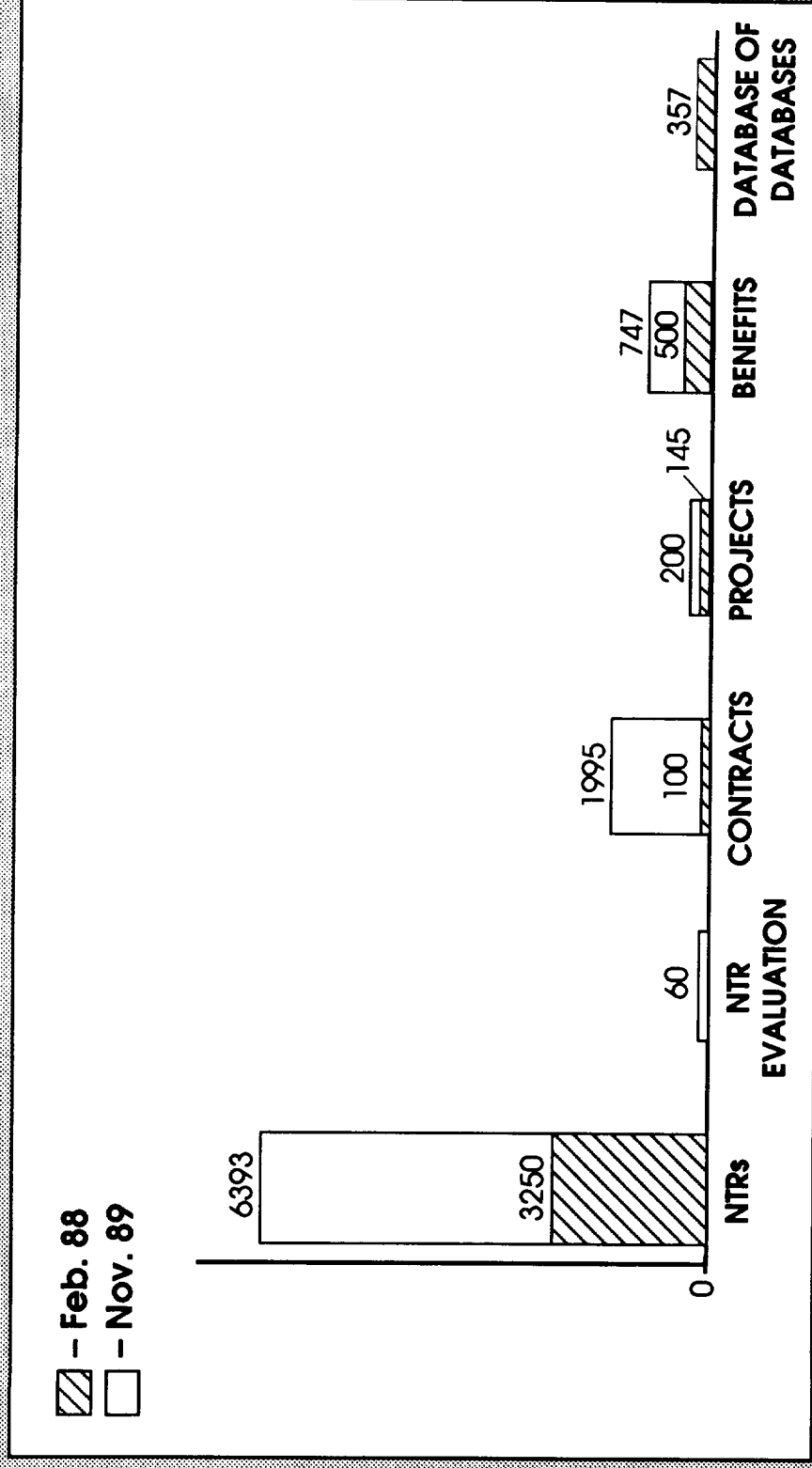
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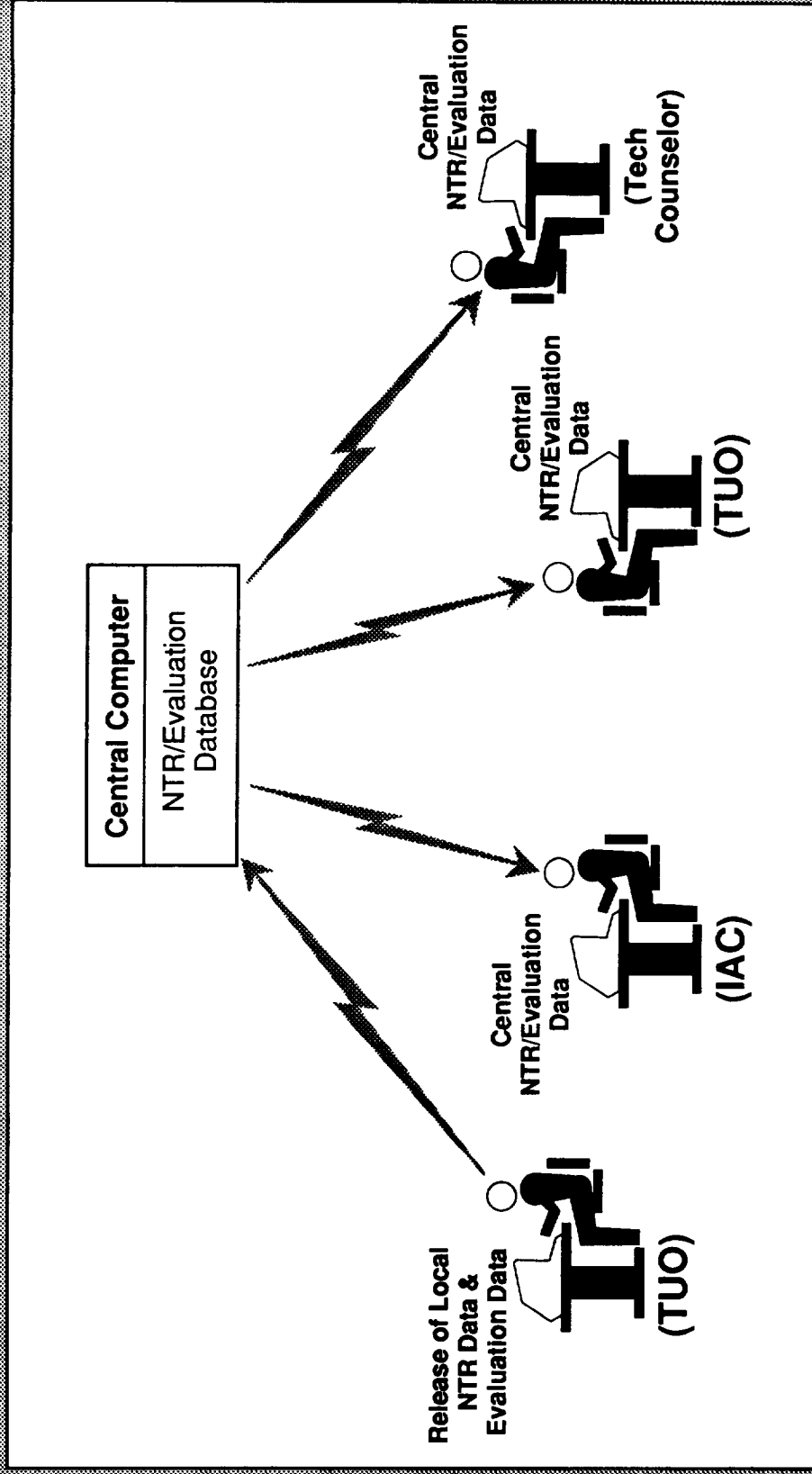
# DATABASE GROWTH DURING PHASE I



## **TUNS PHASE II, RELEASE I**

- **NTR/EVALUATION SUMMARY**
- **SPACE BENEFITS INFORMATION**
- **TU APPLICATIONS PROJECTS**
- **TUO NTR QUARTERLY REPORTS**

# NTR/EVALUATION SUMMARY



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- **How is the central file created initially?**
  - TUOs release local records to the central database
- **How is the local record added/updated at the central file?**
  - TUOs mark NTR records for release to central database
  - TUOs select "CREATE TRANSACTIONS FOR CENTRAL TUNS" from the Local TUNS Main Menu
  - TUOs select "UPLOAD TO CENTRAL DATABASE" from the Central TUNS Main Menu
- **What fields are included in the central file?**

– NTR Title	– Brief Description
– Originating Center Code	– Tech Brief Publication Volume & Date
– Abstract	– Evaluation
– Keywords	



## NTR/EVALUATION SUMMARY

- **How do users retrieve this data?**

- Logon Central TUNS and select NTR/Evaluation Summary
- Query by multiple fields: NTR Number, Center Name, Patent Pub Decision, TUO Final Classification, NTR Date Entered
- Keyword Search of Text fields: Abstract, Evaluation, Keywords, Title

- **What security protects the central data?**

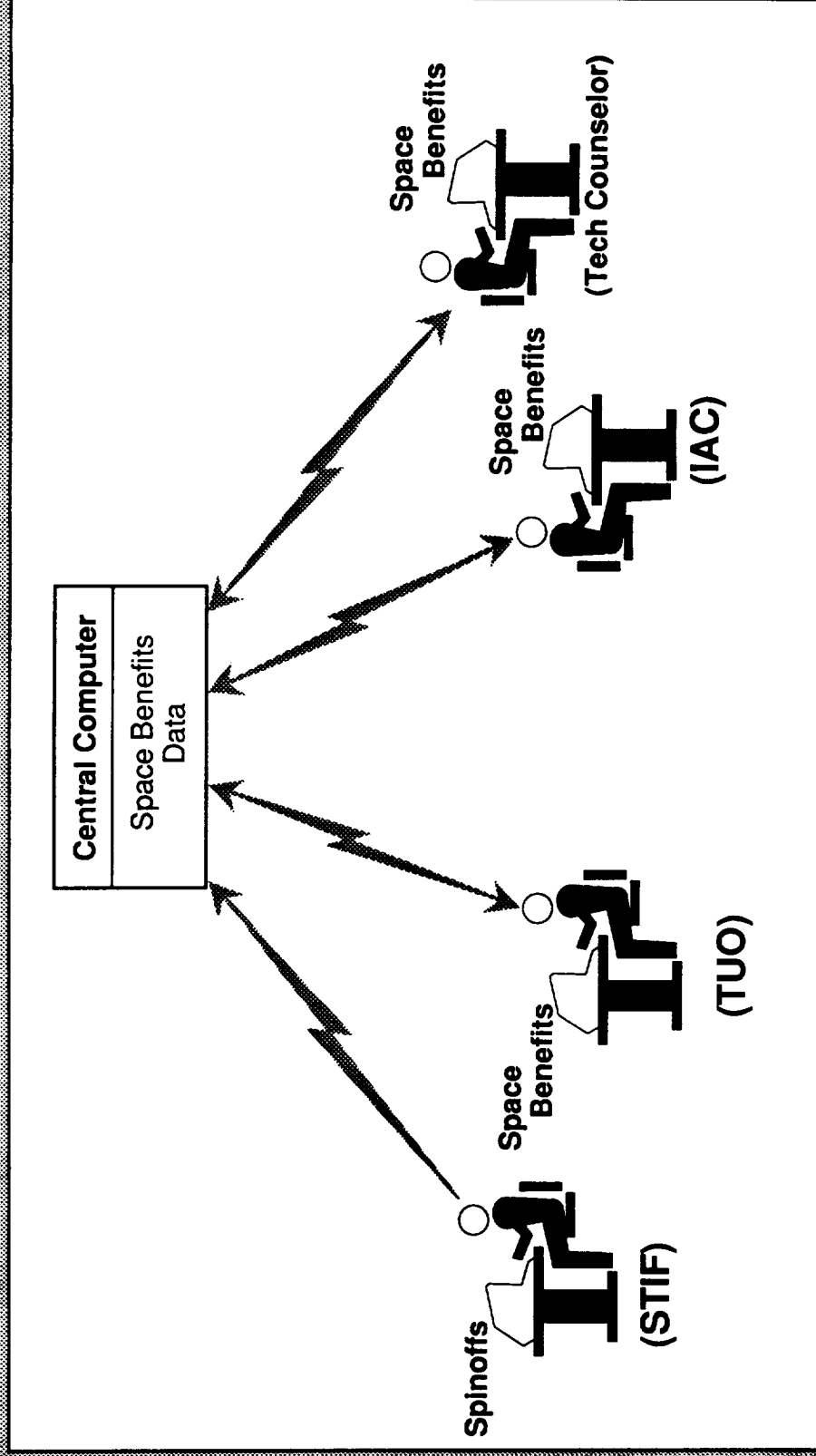
- Each user ID is linked to a center name
- Record updates or deletions may be performed only on those records belonging to your center
- Download of data records may be performed only on those records belonging to your center
- Download of report information may be performed by anyone



## NTR/EVALUATION SUMMARY

- **What is the purpose of this data?**
  - To provide central access to released New Technology information prior to its publication in Tech Briefs

# SPACE BENEFITS PROCESS



## SPACE BENEFITS

- **How is the central file created initially?**
  - SPINOFF Records from STIF will be loaded
  - Space Benefits Study Records from Chapman Research Group will be loaded
- **How is the local record added/updated at the central file?**
  - User marks Space Benefits records for release to central database
  - User selects "CREATE TRANSACTIONS FOR CENTRAL TUNS" from the Local TUNS Main Menu
  - User selects "UPLOAD TO CENTRAL DATABASE" from the Central TUNS Main Menu

# SPACE BENEFITS

## • What fields are included in the central file?

- Title
- Summary
- Type of Benefit
- NASA Information
  - Initial Cost
  - Sources
  - Transfer Notes
  - Literature References
  - Technical Terms
- Center Name
- Nature of Benefit (\$ Value)
- Company information
  - Investment
  - Statistical
  - Demographic

## • How do users retrieve this data?

- **Query by Ranges:** Patent Date, Estimated \$ Value of Benefit, Zip Code
- **Query by Benefits Information:** Center Name, Type of Benefit, Type of User, State, City
- **Query by Geographic Statistics:** ARC, TVA, SMSA, EDA, County, Congressional District
- **Keyword Search of Text Fields:** Title, Technical Terms, Summary

## SPACE BENEFITS

- **What security protects the central data?**

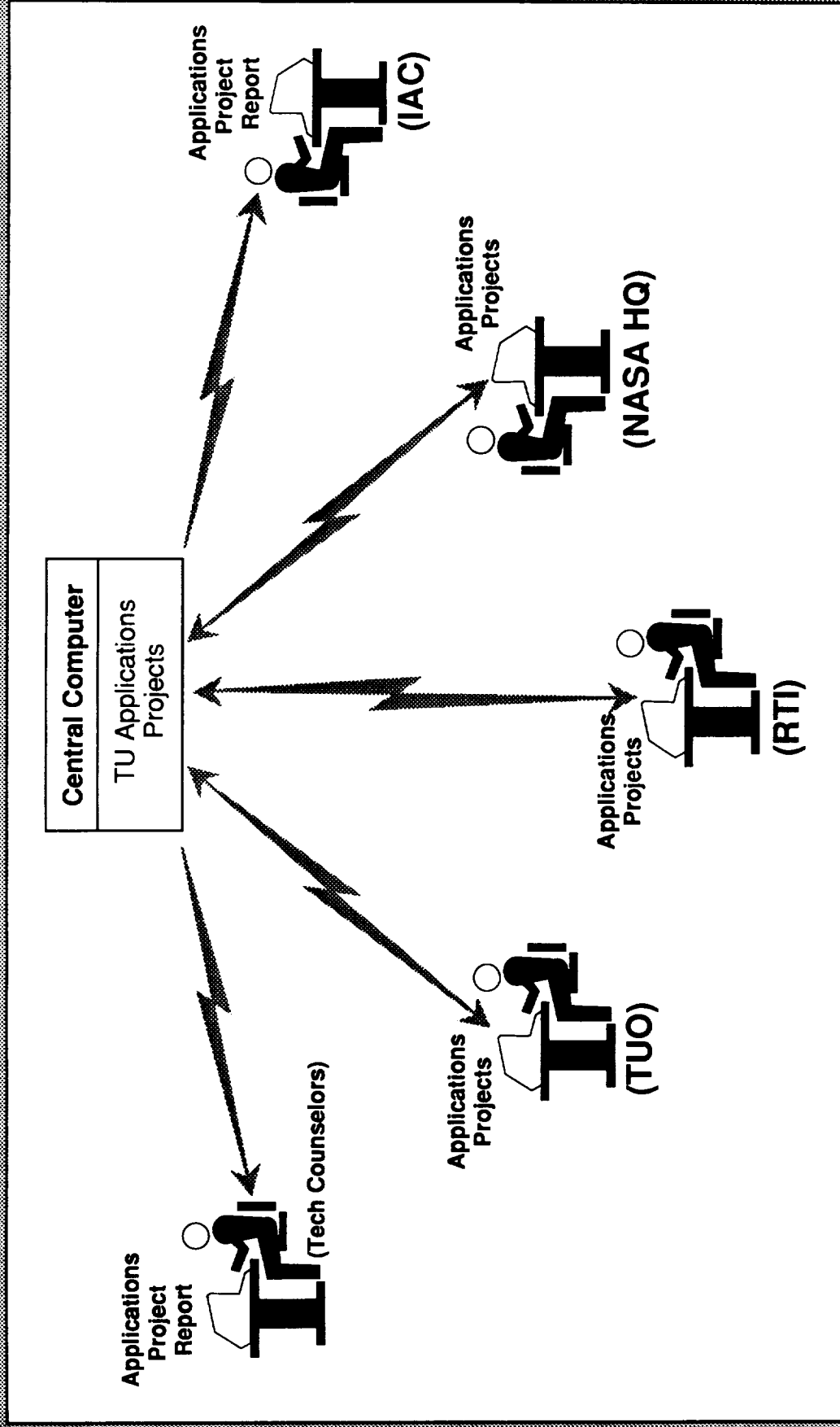
- Fields which can identify the company may be marked as proprietary data. This data will not transfer to the central file if so marked
- Each User ID is linked to a center name
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- Download of data records may be performed only on those records belonging to your center
- Download of report information may be performed by anyone

- **What is the purpose of this data?**

- To provide a structured method of collecting and disseminating potential as well as documented benefits resulting from NASA Technology



# TU APPLICATIONS PROJECTS





## TU APPLICATIONS PROJECTS

- **How is the central file created initially?**
  - TU Applications Projects at the local RTI computer are loaded by ISN
- **How is the local record added/updated at the central file?**
  - TUOs mark TU Projects records for release to central database
  - TUOs select "CREATE TRANSACTIONS FOR CENTRAL TUNS" from the Local TUNS Main Menu
  - TUOs select "UPLOAD TO CENTRAL DATABASE" from the Central TUNS Main Menu
- **What fields are included in the central file?**

– Title	– Center Name
– Abstract	– Milestone Data
– Financial Data	– Quarterly Progress Report Data

# TU APPLICATIONS PROJECTS

- **How do users retrieve this data?**
  - Query by multiple fields: Center Name, Topic/Category
  - Keyword Search of Text fields: Titles, Abstract
- **What security protects the central data?**
  - Each user ID is linked to a center name
  - Record updates or deletions may be performed only on those records belonging to your center. RTI can update/delete records for all sites
  - Download of data records may be performed only on those records belonging to your center. RTI can download records for all sites
  - Download of report information may be performed by anyone
- **What is the purpose of this data?**
  - To provide a consolidated list of ongoing application projects for program management and information dissemination; Assist TUOs in identifying potentially duplicate application projects

## TUO NTR QUARTERLY REPORT

- **How is the local report created initially?**

- User selects item from menu
- NTR, Contracts, Contract Tracking, and Potential Reportable Items databases are searched and counts tallied
- Results placed in ASCII file for merging with word processing file
- Merged word processing file edited by user to include narrative information
- Complete report may be printed via word processor print capability and mailed to Headquarters

- **How is the local report transmitted to central file?**

- User selects "CREATE TRANSACTIONS FOR CENTRAL TUNS" from the Local TUNS Main Menu
- Counts are extracted for uploading to the central computer
- User selects "UPLOAD TO CENTRAL DATABASE" from Central TUNS Main Menu

## TUO NTR QUARTERLY REPORT

- **How does Headquarters retrieve this data?**
  - HQ selects "DOWNLOAD TUO REPORTS" from Central TUNS Menu
  - Quarterly report files on central are downloaded to the local PC
  - "CONSOLIDATE TUO QUARTERLY REPORTS" puts the data into a LOTUS Spreadsheet format
- **What security protects the central data?**
  - Each user ID is linked to a center name
  - Uploading of data creates a new file for the specified center
  - Downloading of files may be performed only by the center owning the file or by NASA Headquarters

## PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS FOR PHASE II, RELEASE 2

- **CENTRAL:**

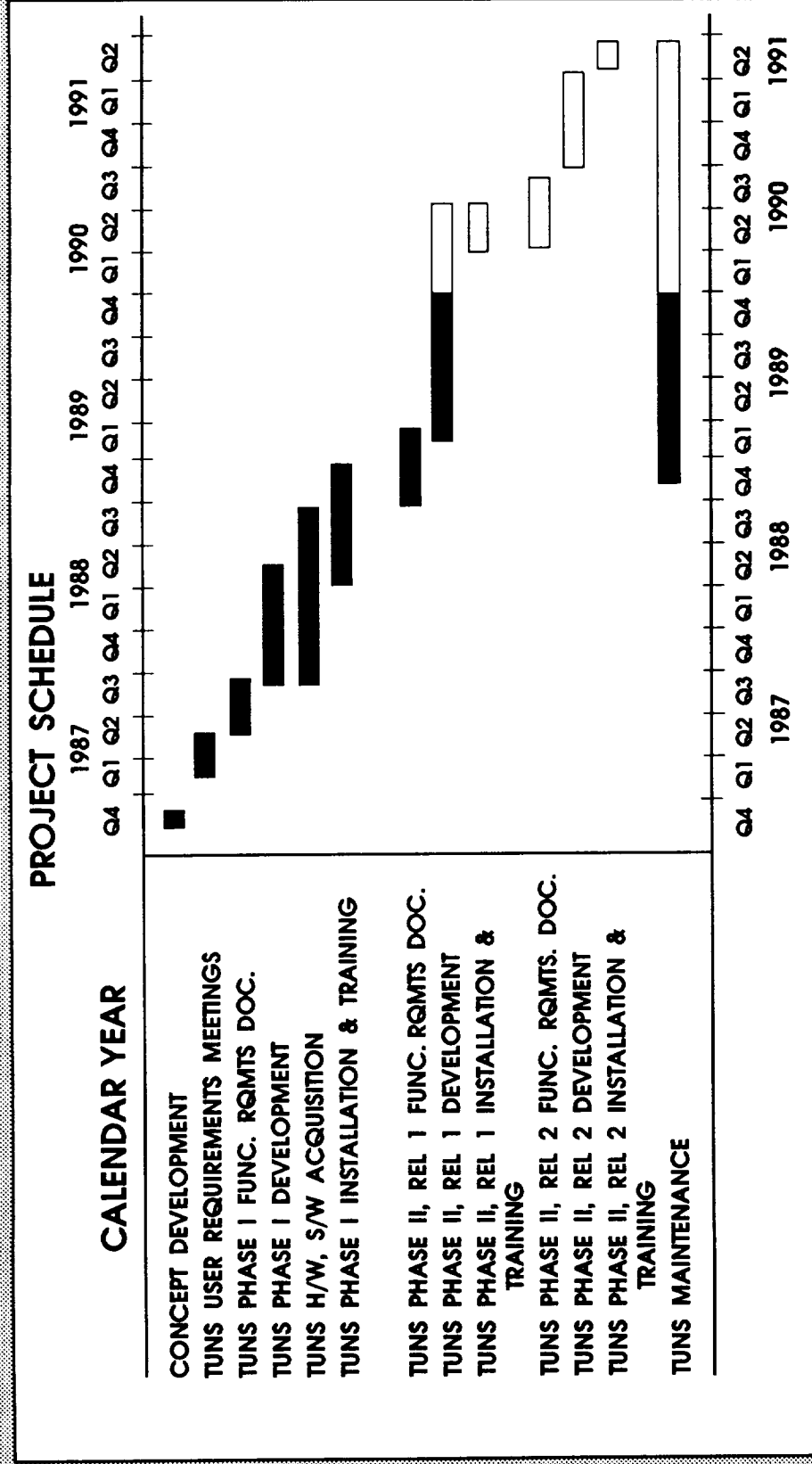
- DATABASE OF EXPERTS
- DATABASE OF DATABASES
- TU NOTES
- FUTURE DATABASES
- BULLETIN BOARD

- **LOCAL:**

- ENGINEERING GRAPHICS SOFTWARE
- DESKTOP PUBLISHING SOFTWARE
- PROJECT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE
- AWARDS MANAGEMENT
- MANAGEMENT REPORTS



# OVERALL PROJECT SCHEDULE





## **PREPARATION FOR PHASE II, RELEASE 1**

- **Acquire TUNS Computer Hardware/Software  
( Remaining 9 sites)**
- **Acquire Natural Connection**
- **Ensure Adequate Fixed Disk Capacity**
- **Prepare Data For Release To Central  
Computer**

## **SUMMARY**

- **TU Family needs identified; Solutions developed**
- **Advanced TU network system implemented nationwide (21 sites, approximately 200 users)**
- **New Technology Reporting sharply increased**
- **A centralized national database system developed for TU program data, including NTR and space benefits records and projected new databases**
- **Continued support and active participation of entire TU Family is critical**

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